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SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES

I SUGGEST THAT PRESIDENT FORD SEND A CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES TO PRESIDENT
COSTA GOMES WHO WILL LEAVE THE PRESIDENCY JULY 14.

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES AS YOU LEAVE THE
PRESIDENCY. I RECALL WITH FOND MEMORY YOUR VISIT TO
WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER, 1974, WHEN WE MET IN THE
COMPANY OF OUR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS
MARIO SOARES AND HENRY KISSINGER. AT THAT TIME I
EXPRESSED TO YOU MY ADMIRATION FOR THE STATESMANSHIP
SHOWN BY PORTUGUESE LEADERS IN UNDERTAKING TO RESTORE
DEMOCRACY TO PORTUGAL. YOU HAVE SEEN PORTUGAL THROUGH
THIS ARDUOUS 21 MONTH PERIOD IN WHICH YOUR COUNTRY'S
FREE ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT TESTIMONY, OF THE
WILL OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE TO REMAIN FREE. I PARTICU-
LARLY APPRECIATE THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY WHICH
YOU HAVE SHOWN AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI, MY PERSONAL REPRESENTA-
TIVE IN PORTUGAL.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, I REMAIN MOST SINCERELY.

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END QUOTE.

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